

2003 Report of Accomplishments

Pine Creek Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in 2003 - Summary

- 1,248 acres of CRP providing 80% reduction in sediments and pesticides entering district waterways.
- 842 acres of buffer strips and filters preventing an estimated 7,578 tons of soil erosion, sediments and pesticides reaching the Pine Creek stream.
- Inventory of district lands and district's ability to make resource decisions greatly enhanced with GIS capability.



Contour buffers up on steep hillside, filter strips in foreground.

Mission of the Pine Creek Conservation District

- The mission of the district is to work in cooperation with private landowners and other local, state and federal agencies to voluntarily protect, enhance and restore natural resources in the Pine Creek Conservation District. This mission will be accomplished with information/education, technical and financial assistance, and assessment of local natural resource conditions and concerns. The district will foster community involvement in natural resource issues and cooperation between private landowners, government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private business.

Water Quality Implementation

- 392 acres of new filter strips designed and installed.
- 450 acres of new contour buffers designed and installed.
- 1,248 acres of new CRP planned and installed.
- 32 existing CRP contract revisions made.
- 3 new EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) plans/contracts implemented.
- 2 farm ponds/sediment basins installed.

Basic Funding

- GIS system used to inventory 50% of the lands within the district boundaries.
- Provided one-on-one information and/or education to 100% of the district cooperators.

Local Funding

- Completed a major GIS watershed inventory for a neighboring conservation district.
- Upgraded office equipment and increased building capacity.
- Administered local agricultural burn permitting program.

Professional Engineering

- Pine Creek Conservation District participates in use of the S.E. area cluster for a shared professional engineer.
- During this past reporting year, there were no projects requiring assistance of the engineer.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- *Currently, no land within the district borders is eligible for CREP funding.*
- *The district does promote and provide technical assistance to district producers participating in the regular and continuous CRP programs.*

Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration

- *Ten new tree and shrub sites planned and installed.*
- *Draft watershed livestock inventory completed.*
- *2,090 acres of regular and continuous CRP installed, benefiting upland habitat.*
- *Five food plots planned and installed.*

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- *Sixty-seven local landowners attended annual information day presentations.*
- *Working with other government entities to re-vitalize and strengthen the Upper Columbia RC&D.*

Information & Education

- *Sponsored district annual meeting for general public.*
- *Made natural resource presentations to three local grade schools.*
- *Participated in sponsoring local landjudging contest and Envirothon.*
- *Co-publish quarterly district newsletter.*
- *Individual information contacts made with 100% of the district cooperators.*

Washington Conservation Districts Assisting land managers with their conservation choices



District cooperator using direct seeding near grassed out critical area.



Riparian tree and shrub planting with small local grade school.